THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS). (a) No, Sir, There is no such approved scheme at present with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of Chitradurga and Kolar Districts as no Industry Districts

6697. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for declaring Chitradurg and Kolar Districts in Karnataka as no industry districts; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN: (a) and (b). At present there is no proposal to declare any district/area as a No Industry District Including Chitradurg and Kolar.

Telecast of TV Serial Jesus Christ

6698. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFOERMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Doordarshan propose to start telecast of the serial 'Jesus Christ'; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No TV serial under the title " Jesus Christ" has been approved by Doordarshan. However, they have approved a sponsored TV serial titled "Stories from the Bible". The producers have not yet submitted the first four episodes of this Serial. The scheduling of the Serial would be done after the first four episodes have been previewed and found suitable in all respects.

[*Translation*]

Industrially backward areas in Maharashtra

6699. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities provided in backward areas of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the central capital assistance approved by the Union Government for these areas; and

(c) the details of the proposed facilities to be provided to the units of small scale industries for undertaking the development of these backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Under the growth Centre Scheme announced by the Government in June, 1988 for industrialisation of backward areas, Maharashtra has been allocated 5 growth centres which would be located one each in the districts of Akola, Chandrapur,Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri.

In addition, the Maharashtra state Industrial Development Corporation is providing infrastructural facilities for industrialisa-